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RESOLUTION NO. 36-07

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(By Request - Mayor)

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYERS= CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.33 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the manpower level of the police department of the City of Parma is well below the national average for municipalities of similar size; and,

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to maintain and update the police motor fleet, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the police department; and,

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to place a new tax levy on the ballot to maintain appropriate staffing levels of permanent police personnel and to provide and maintain equipment used directly in the operation of the City police department; and,

WHEREAS, the revenue derived from this levy would ease the burden now placed on the general fund; and,

WHEREAS, an additional levy of two (2) mills, in excess of the ten mill limitation, is necessary to provide adequate funding for police operations within the City of Parma;

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED BY AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the City of Parma, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this City, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of the police department, and the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officer employers= contribution required under Section 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, at the rate of two (2) mills for each one dollar of valuation for a period of five (5) years.

Res. submitting the question of an additional tax levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of the police department, and the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officer employers= contribution required under Section 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency

Section 2. The question of an additional tax levy of two (2) mills upon the tax list and duplicate for five (5) years, beginning with the 2007 tax list and duplicate and with the first distribution of the proceeds of said levy to this City in the calendar year 2008, for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of the police department, and the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officer employers= contribution required under Section 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, be submitted to the electors of the City of Parma at the Primary Election date on May 8, 2007, and said election shall be held at the regular places of voting in said City as established by the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, or otherwise, within the time permitted by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The form of ballot to be cast at such election on the question of such tax shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)
CITY OF PARMA

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Parma for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of the police department, and the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officer employers= contribution required under Section 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding _____ mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to _____ cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for _____ years commencing in _____, first due in calendar year _____?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Res. submitting the question of an additional tax levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of the police department, and the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officer employers= contribution required under Section 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency

Section 4. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directly to request that notice of said election be given as provided by law.

Section 5. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed immediately to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Section 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public heath, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary to submit this Resolution to the Board of Elections 75 days prior to the date of the Primary Election as provided in the Ohio Revised Code, and that it is urgently necessary to receive revenue for the reasons specified in this Resolution for the financial stability of the City, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____

MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO